this benefit alongwith the details of the proposals submitted by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) M/s Frazer-Nash Peerless Auto Limited (FNPAL), imported two Solar Passenger Transport Vehicles-'Solar Baby' in February, 1995 from M/s Frazer-Nash Limited of U.K. for trial purposes on the roads in India. The two vehicles developed some technical problems. FNPAL is making attempts to rectify the defects in the vehicles in consultation with its collaborator in the U.K. Production of Solar Baby cars in India may be started by FNPAL only after the two proto types are rectified and are fully tested and proved in Indian conditions.

(b) The manufacture of bettery operated electric vehicles is being encouraged by the provision of reduced customs and excise duty to meritorious proposals submitted by various parties. Once such vehicles are manufactured, their sale is encouraged by way of granting subsidies under the Battery Operated Vehicles Demonstration Programme, which has been approved for implementation upto the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

Bid for Ash handling project by Burn Standard Limited

*609. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Burn Standard Limited was the lowest bidder for the recent Ash handling project tender of Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB);

(b) whether, in spite of the above, MSEB has not placed this order on M/s. Burn Standard, as the same has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and order has been placed on a private party quoting Rupees 3.5 crores more than M/s. Burn Standard; and

(c) if so, what steps are bieng taken by Government to assure the companies referred to the BIFR that they are not denied of legitimate orders on the basis of techno-commercial competitiveness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the suggestion has policy implications applicable to both private and public sector sick companies coming under the purview of BIFR, the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Finance which administers Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act.

अवेरी में सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना हेतु निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण

*610. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू जिले में अवेरी में सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना हेतु रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुरोध पर निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण करने हेतु कार्रवाई आरम्भ कर दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से और इस संबंध में की गई कार्रवाई की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है; और

(ग) गैर-सरकारी भूमि के अधिग्रहण और सरकारी भूमि के हस्तांतरण की प्रक्रिया कब तक पूर्ण होने की संभावना है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार ने अवेरी गांव में निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण करने के लिए भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम की धारा 4 के अंतर्गत 16.11.1994 को प्रारम्भिक अधिसूचना जारी की थी।

भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम के अंतर्गत आगे की कार्रवाई राज्य सरकार द्वारा अधिकतम तीन वर्ष की अवधि में पूरी की जानी है। कुयसू गाव में राज्य सरकार की भूमि पहले ही अंतरित कर दी गई है और 9.9.1994 को इसका कब्जा ले लिया गया है।

कुडुम विकास खंड को "सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र" घोषित किया जाना

*611. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश के कुडम विकास खंड को सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र घोषित कर दिया गया है; यदि हां, तो कब;

(ख) क्या इस क्षेत्र में सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रमों को पहले ही आरंभ किया जा चुका है; और

(ग) इस क्षेत्र को सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र घोषित किए जाने से लेकर 31 मार्च, 1995 तक इस कार्यक्रम पर कितनी राशि व्यय की गई और उक्त अवधि के दौरान कौन-कौन से कार्यक्रम आरंभ किए गए?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल): (क) और (ख) जबलपुर जिले के कुंडम विकास खंड को 1.4.1995 से सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम में शामिल कर लिया गया है।

(ग) सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम के तहत मार्च, 1995 तक खंड में कोई खर्च नहीं किया गया है।

Cardiac Conference

*612. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day Cardiac Conferance was organised at New Delhi in the racent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives and the names of countries that participated;

(c) whether some suggestions of heart care, cardiac surgery, high blood pressure etc. were made in the Conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some follow-up action on those suggestions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (f) The Indian College of Cardiology had its second National Conference in Delhi From 14th to 16th April, 1995. Latest trends regarding management of coronary diseases, hypertension and various cardiovascular interventions were discussed by the delegates from the UK, USA and India. Recommendations were made for improvement in educational facilities for cardiologists, physicians and technicians, public health education and provisions of high tech equipment to selected institutions. These facilities are developed in Central and State Government institutions as per available budget provisions. However, high tech facilities for treatment of coronary ailments are also coming up in private sector.

North-Eastern Coordination Council

*613. SHRI K.R. MALKANI:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of the Army Staff has suggested for a North-Eastern Coordination Council, since the ISI activities in the North East and in Kashmir have assumed the dimenstions of an external aggression, as reported in the Times of India dated the 9th February, 1995; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been made by the Chief of